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Application No.: 09/996,350
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Applicant: Richardson, et al.
Group Art Unit: 3724
Title: PIVOTAL PLANT PROTECTOR
Attorney Docket: 0275S-000542

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing parts. Applicant has included a Fee Transmittal with this response for such extension of time.

Prior to examining the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.125(b), please replace the entire specification, previously submitted, with the following new substitute specification: